

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building July 12, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager, attended.

Volanti presented three shared leave donation requests.

Johnson moved to approve three shared leave donation requests. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Nall presented a letter addressing the FCC Broadband Plan to our U.S. legislators.

Johnson moved to sign a letter to our U.S. legislators for the FCC Broadband Plan. Kearns seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman presented an escrow agreement with Flint Hills Job Corps.

Johnson moved to approve an Escrow Agreement with Flint Hills Job Corps. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2010 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:15 Chris Welchhans, GIS Director

Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Welchhans presented a GIS department update.

9:30 Press Conference

Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Cynthia Cowell, Public Information Officer from Small Business Administration (SBA); Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Director; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Chuck Murphy, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department Director; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wilson discussed the 2010 Riley County Fair July 22nd – July 26th.

Cowell stated SBA is here in Riley County at the Red Cross Offices through July 22, 2010 to provide Federal disaster loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses for the region.

Butler reported the 2nd Annual Mid Year Leaders' Summit will be held Wednesday, July 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Clarion Hotel. Butler discussed the Summit's program.

Eyestone said tomatoes are not ripening due to root development of the plant this time of year. Eyestone said he has had reports of herbicide drift on gardens.

Eyestone stated approximately 300 attended the 2010 Garden Tour.

C. Collins said Maury Berggren, artist and author of the new book *IMAGES*, will hold a book signing July 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Claflin, Manhattan.

C. Collins said the Riley County Historical Society will hold its summer dinner meeting Tuesday, July 20th at the Zeandale Community Church. Speaker will be Frances Schepp Ruh, who will discuss her new book *THE SCHEPP FAMILY CHRONICLES*.

Kearns presented a Certificate of Appreciation Plaque from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to Chuck Murphy for the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department on a job well done for the H1N1 vaccine campaign.

Murphy stated it was a big challenge for public health. Murphy stated over 20,000 were vaccinated.

Vargo reported for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election advance voting by mail begins July 14th, voter registration closes July 19th, and advance voting in person begins July 20th in the Clerk's Office.

10:00 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; and Eileen King, Treasurer, attended.

Shepek presented the following 2011 budget recommended changes as requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

- Reduce the Budget Stabilization amount by \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.
- Reduce the Public Works Department budget by \$20,000.
- Transfer \$620,000 from the General Fund to the CIP Fund.

- Fund all outside agencies and entities at the 2010 funding level except for Riley County Extension who will be funded at the 2010 level plus \$3,500 toward their step increase and the Riley County Health Department. Budgeted appropriations are as follows:
 - Big Lakes Development
 - \$183,855
 - Animal Shelter
 - \$ 41,708
 - Area Agency on Aging
 - \$313,387
 - Emergency Shelter
 - \$10,700
 - Riley County Extension
 - \$469,394
 - Riley County Health Dept.
 - \$331,612
 - Pawnee Mental Health
 - \$225,785
 - Riley County Genealogical Society
 - \$3,083
 - Riley County Conservation
 - \$51,945
 - Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce
 - \$50,000
 - Downtown Manhattan Inc
 - \$10,666
- Bond \$1,970,000 of bridges and culverts in the CIP fund.
- Bond up to \$300,000 for facilities projects in the CIP fund.
- Fund \$470,000 of Equipment and Technology projects in the CIP fund which includes an attempt to lease/purchase a medium duty excavator as well as the VOIP telephony system.
- Lease-purchase of 3 motor graders.

These changes adjust the Requested Expenditure total from the budget development worksheet to \$26,167,854 which equates to a mill levy of 32.216.

Kearns moved to authorize the Budget & Finance Officer to proceed with finalizing the budget with the recommended changes in the State of Kansas budget format. Upon an acceptable review of the budget by the County's auditors, the Riley County budget and notice of hearing will be published in the Manhattan

Mercury on or before Wednesday, August 5, 2010. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Hobson presented an Out of State Travel Request for Rod Meredith to attend the NACE Board of Directors meeting in Reno, Nevada at no cost to Riley County.

Johnson moved to approve an Out of State Travel Request for Rod Meredith to attend the NACE Board of Directors meeting in Reno, Nevada representing the Kansas County Highway Association as the National Association of County Engineers State Director. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:22 Mike Kearns left the meeting.

10:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

- **Administrative Work Session**

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Holeman stated he and Johnson will attend a Randolph City Council meeting this week.

Holeman discussed a proposed agreement with KDOT on the K-18 realignment project.

Holeman updated the Board on pending county projects.

10:47 Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

C. Collins presented a Museum Department staff report.

11:02 Johnson moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.